Hall of Faith Inductees # 5 Pastor Matthew Jones

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**Abraham and the Pilgrimage of Faith**

Hebrews 11:8-19

1. **The making of a pilgrim (vs. 8 cf. Genesis 12:1-3)**

* Faith begins with God revealing Himself to a **pagan** in order to transform them into a **pilgrim**
  + Two things that begin on the front end of our pilgrimage:
    1. Disentanglement of past **influences and allegiances** and reprioritizing our **relational hierarchy** – “Leave your country, your family, your father’s house…” (Genesis 12:1)
    2. Stepping into the unknown (Hebrews 11:8)
* God was the sole **object** of Abraham’s faith (Genesis 12:1-3)

1. **By faith, pilgrims persevere in the promises of God (vs. 9-12)**

* Abraham showed that he was much more interested in what is **permanent** than what is **temporal** (Hebrews 11:9)
* Our God is a God of **grace** and even in our moments of unfaithfulness, He remains faithful (Hebrews 11:11)

1. **By faith, pilgrims live with an eternal perspective (vs. 13-16)**

* There is no greater **testimony** that we can have as Christians than the testimony of continuing to live by faith to the very end (vs. 13)
* There is a perseverance in faith that gives the pilgrim **sight** into the heavenlies, revealing what would otherwise remain unseen (vs. 16)
* God is not **ashamed** of those who live in the world as though this world is not their home (vs. 16)

1. **By faith, pilgrims rest in the power of God (vs. 17-19)**

* Abraham **CONCLUDED**: God is not a contradictory promise maker, God is sovereign, God is all-powerful, therefore he considered and concluded that God is able to raise Isaac to life again
* This is a picture of **OPEN-HANDED LIVING** before the Lord
  + “Lord, whatever you give me in this life you can take away, and yet I will live by faith in You. All that I have is yours. My home, my job, my kids, my life.”
  + Is this what you have considered and concluded in your heart?… …on your journey… on your pilgrimage to that Holy City?